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## Welcome!

Brig. Gen. Gregory Feest (right), 19th Air Force commander, escorts his wife, Bridget, to a reception ceremony at the Randolph Air Force Base Officers' Club, shortly after the change of command ceremony here Wednesday. General Feest replaces Maj. Gen. Irv Halter, who moves on to a position at the Pentagon. See the related story on page 2.  
Photo illustration by Maggie Armstrong

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## NEWS

# 19th Air Force welcomes General Feest as new commander

By Staff Sgt. Tim Bazar

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Wing commanders from across the country welcomed the new 19th Air Force commander with a salute July 30 during a change of command ceremony here.

Brig. Gen. Gregory Feest took command of 19th Air Force from Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander, among friends, family and a cross-section of Airmen and civilians assigned to the command.

General Feest, who replaces Maj. Gen. Irving Halter, said he was both excited and humbled to be given the opportunity to lead 19th Air Force.

"With 29 different airframes totaling 1,800 air-

craft and a fantastic team of more than 38,000 military and civilians, this diverse command is fully committed to delivering the finest airpower warriors to our combatant commands," General Feest said.

"I can barely contain my enthusiasm as I look forward to getting started in my new command," he said. "It's healthy, vibrant and dedicated; and that is certainly a reflection of General Halter's leadership these last years."

Before turning over command, General Halter thanked friends, family and coworkers who helped make his tenure a success.

"You constantly amaze me with your ingenuity, get-'er-done attitude and good humor in spite of difficult challenges," General Halter said. "After 31

years of commissioned service, you are why I still come to work. You challenge me to meet your standards of dedication and commitment – and I am a better person because of it.

"Thanks for the lesson, and thanks for letting me be a part of your team."

General Feest, who will pin on his second star to become a major general in a ceremony Aug. 10, returns to Randolph from the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, where he served as deputy director of Force Application in the Directorate of Force Structure, Resources and Assessment.

He is a command pilot who has logged more than 5,200 flying hours, including more than 800 combat hours earned during Operations Just Cause, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

## August's pre-ORI exercise to test wing's expeditionary readiness

By Sean Bowlin

Staff Writer

The 12th Flying Training Wing's capability of handling a major accident involving hazardous materials, plus being deployed to a simulated forward operating base, where it will be chemically "attacked," will be tested in an exercise scheduled for Aug. 18-22.

Airmen and exercise evaluation officials from the wing's exercise evaluation team say it's one of three monthly exercises planned to test the unit's expeditionary fitness during the ongoing Global War on Terror – prior to the Wing's Operational Readiness Inspection, which happens Nov. 16-25.

As part of that ORI, Mr. Henry King, 12th FTW Inspector Generals exercise and evaluation team leader, said there are three areas that will be tested in the ORI: readiness, compliance and reception of the inspecting team.

Maj. Erik Ranke, 12th FTW exercise development chief, said the focus of August's exercise is not just to prepare for the ORI but also to test everyday expeditionary readiness – and to "really start working skill sets into folks."

By that, Major Ranke said, the August exercise will include not just a simulated major accident involving hazard materials, but also anti-terrorism measures.

Also, wing Airmen will simulate a formal deployment to "Camp Van Ovost" near the stables on Randolph Air Force Base's east side, where they will be put through a simulated chemical attack.

There will be sirens to warn of the attack and participants will be in Mission-Oriented Protective Posture-4, or MOPP, gear. "ATSO drills," –



Photo by Steve White

Randolph emergency responders douse the flames at a mock crash site during a recent exercise. The wing tests its readiness again Aug. 18-22.

drills on the "Ability To Survive and Operate" in a deployed environment, will be tested. Anything inside AF Manual 10-100 will be fair game for testing and evaluation, Major Ranke stressed.

"It'll give us a chance to test their skills with chemical care, weapons employment ... and self-aid and buddy care is a big one," Major Ranke added.

Before, during and after August's exercise – and future monthly exercises and the ORI – Maj. Roy Tate, 12th FTW inspection and compliance chief, will be doing spot-checks on wing units. Everything concerning a wing unit's readiness to perform daily business is fair game for scrutiny, he said.

"We may look at security, at the commander's fitness program, voter assistance programs, and by-laws. We also send out a ten-question airman's

manual test every week," Major Tate added.

Major Tate said that the IG team also examines ORI outcomes from other Air Education and Training Command units on its various bases that have been broken down to individual units' results.

Called 'cross flow,' those ORI outcomes, which are on the 12th FTW's IG portion of its Web site, give units here at Team Randolph valuable lessons learned with the emphasis on best practices in which to incorporate into performing daily business, not just to pass an ORI with an "Outstanding" grade.

Major Tate also said there is a self-inspection database available for Airmen to examine and ask themselves if they are in compliance with standards.

"If they are not in compliance, they get to indicate what they are going to do to make sure they are they will be in compliance," Major Tate commented. "It's about preparing for a contingency, not just the ORI in November. People should be looking ahead, because knowledge is power. If you wait, you're late."

Maj. Chris Kaufman, 12th FTW inspections chief, who will be charged with overseeing the reception of the inspectors for the ORI and organizing logistical support for them, added that it's important for Airmen at Team Randolph to know who their training manager is.

"And make sure you're current in what you're supposed to be trained on," Major Kaufman added.



# AETC first to receive new acquisitions authority

By Capt. John Severns

Air Education and Training Command  
Public Affairs

Air Education and Training Command became the first major command authorized to pursue services acquisitions valued at up to \$500 million, following the signing of an agreement between the command and Air Force Acquisitions officials.

The new agreement is expected to help streamline the acquisition process and speed the rate at which services are provided to warfighters.

Under the agreement, AETC received "Silver Delegation Authority" from the Air Force



Program Executive Office for Combat and Mission Support, commonly called PEO Services.

Silver Delegation Authority gives Garry B. Richey, director of Logistics, Installations and Mission Support for AETC, the ability to manage and oversee acquisitions contracts valued up to \$500 million while providing coordinating information to PEO Services.

"This delegation is recognition of the outstanding contracting and program management professionals we have on our headquarters staff, as well as throughout the command," Mr. Richey said, "but it also commits

us to maintain robust management and oversight of all our command services acquisition activities – from requirements definition to source selection and through contract performance."

The contracts in question cover a wide variety of services and support, many of which have a direct impact on the warfighter, according to Colleen Phipps, a contracting official in the AETC Acquisitions Support branch.

The agreement covers contractor support for major programs such as aircraft maintenance, base operations support and trainer maintenance, as well as smaller contracts such as food service and grounds maintenance that impact the daily lives of AETC Airmen.

Officials signed the agreement during a conference on services acquisition hosted by PEO Services in Oklahoma City in June. The conference allowed acquisitions and contracting officers from across the Air Force and other government agencies to discuss the future of services acquisition.

# Manpower captain leaves lasting footprint on 379th AEW

Air Force Personnel Center  
Public Affairs

When Capt. Jody Palmer arrived at his deployment destination at the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, his initial goal was to learn his job quickly so there would be no drop off in his unit's mission.

Earlier this year, he temporarily put aside his duties as a flight commander at the Air Force Manpower Agency's 1st Manpower Requirements Squadron at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and took over as the 379th AEW's manpower and organization chief for 127 days.

"Initially, my thought was just to get spun up and then keep the manpower mission going along as before," said Captain Palmer. "However, once I got situated, I saw opportunities there to make a real difference and to make lasting contributions. I decided I wanted to do more than just maintain."

It didn't take long for the captain to make his mark on the largest, most diverse expeditionary wing in the Air Force.

During his first two weeks, Captain Palmer packaged a proposal to the Air Staff aimed at converting 597 rotational requirements to permanent party positions within the 379th AEW, supporting the U.S. Air Force Central Command's vision of transforming their Air and Space Expeditionary Force construct.

"One of the most rewarding aspects of working in a deployed environment is that you see the results of your efforts pretty quickly," he said. "It was exciting to be able to work the requirements pieces and then later see actual bodies show up to fill those billets – that rarely happens stateside."

Before the dust could settle, Captain Palmer was called upon to conduct a massive manpower study associated with the opening of the installation's multi-million dollar Blatchford-Preston Complex, new dormitory-style lodging.

He scrutinized more than 8,000 requirements and coordinated with wing organizations, helped restructure the wing's manpower and organization office and helped re-organize the 379th AEW's portion of the Air Force Central Command's communications restructuring.

Earlier this month, Captain Palmer took over duties as chief of the organization section at Air Education and Training Command here at Randolph.

"Your deployment is what you make of it," said Captain Palmer. "Sure, the separation was rough. Even though I missed my wife and two children, I didn't have a lot of downtime to think about it. Now that I've had a little time to reflect, I'm thinking, 'Wow, that was pretty cool.' It was definitely the highlight of my career."



Photo by Rich McFadden

In just over 4 months of deployment, Capt. Jody Palmer, a Randolph manpower officer, left a lasting impression for bases in Southwest Asia.

## COMMENTARY

# A final salute to the Airman's commander

By Gabriel J. Myers

12th Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

Several days ago, our nation lost a great patriot, the Air Force lost a great Airman, a family lost a husband and father and thousands of people like me lost a mentor and a friend.

Brig. Gen. Thomas Tinsley lost his life just a few days ago and I've had that time to think about how to describe what an incredibly unique person this man was and what he meant to me. This story is only my own account and I'm sure there are hundreds and maybe even thousands of people who have similar accounts of General Tinsley – the kind of person we may be lucky enough to meet once in a lifetime.

As I try to think past my grief at losing my friend and mentor, I remember what the general leaves behind: a legacy of leadership, integrity, strength and compassion that we who had the privilege to serve with him will try to emulate in our careers, homes and lives.

I first met him in the winter of 2002 when he was the squadron commander of the 12th Fighter Squadron "Dirty Dozen" at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. At the time I was a staff sergeant and the assistant NCO in charge of his life support shop. I found him to be very personable, charismatic, loud and confident. He was unmistakably a fighter pilot. He immediately introduced himself to me and said

"Welcome to the Dozen, you're family now and we expect great things out of the members of our family."

For some strange reason I knew this was not simply a commander saying the right thing to a new Airman but that then-Lt. Col. Tinsley wanted me there and trusted that I would do great things. I could see it in his eyes and I knew I couldn't let him down. He had this intangible ability to motivate people and I felt as though he could sell me anything and I'd take his word as gospel, salute and get ready for battle no matter how ridiculous the request. Not just because he was my commander but because he made me believe in what he said.

A few months passed and my boss left for another assignment. The wing had a few qualified up and coming technical sergeants that were poised to take over the job as NCOIC of my shop. I was about eight months from

my separation and was focused on pursuing a career in public affairs through the Air National Guard.

I got a call from Colonel Tinsley telling me he wanted to see me in his office in five minutes. My first thought was "Am I in trouble?"

When I got to his office, he told me that he wanted me to take over as NCOIC of his shop. I said "Sir, are you sure? I'm eight months from separating and I think the Airmen will be better served by someone who will be here longer."

He said, "Gabe, the Airmen know you, trust you and I'm confident you have what it takes to motivate and guide them. You have eight months and I expect and know that you will give me, the shop and the Dozen your heart and soul until it's time for you to move on. Am I wrong?"

I said, "No, sir!"

I did give my heart and soul to the mission and the Airmen who worked for me until I separated because I knew I could not fail and break the trust that he had in me. He had motivated me and I knew I owed it to him, the Dozen and the Airmen who worked for me to be at my best. As a leader General Tinsley possessed so many intangible qualities and an absolute sincerity in everything he said. When I brought ideas or concerns to him he would listen and provide me with direction. When I needed to be righted he applied the tough love as needed.

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Shortly before I separated he moved on to his next assignment. But before he left he did everything in his power to ensure I had the tools to succeed as I pursued my career goals – despite the fact I was leaving active duty. He

made calls and wrote letters recommending me for retraining into PA. He mentored me and pushed me to finish my bachelor's degree a few months before I separated.

*"When I found out he was going to be the next wing commander at Elmendorf I bought an airline ticket and flew to Alaska from Texas so I could have the honor of congratulating him in person. That was the last time I saw my friend."*

This is who he was: He genuinely loved his Airmen and his actions day in and day out consistently exemplified this. He did things for people not because he had to but because he wanted to.

Over the last five years I've kept in close contact with General Tinsley through calls and e-mails. I followed his career and he kept close tabs on mine, still mentoring, guiding and bringing me back on track when he felt I was making a bad decision.

Ever since I left Elmendorf I've worked as a PA, first for the Air Guard, then as a DoD civilian at Minot and now Randolph Air Force Base. There is absolutely no way I could have done it without his guidance, leadership and friendship.

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That was the last time I saw my friend.

We spoke a few times since and exchanged brief e-mails frequently with the last one coming to my work inbox on July 23. It's still in my inbox and I've probably opened it a hundred times the last two days. I still can't believe he's gone.

I've been working for the Air Force for 17 years now and have yet to meet a leader as strong or a person as good as "Pugs" (General Tinsley's call sign).

It's been 60 hours and I still can't understand why he left us so early. I probably never will.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Page, 12th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant, who was named the Air Force Times Outstanding Airman of the Year for 2008 at the time of publication. Look for more coverage on Chief Page in the Aug. 8 issue of the Wingspread.

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For more details, call 652-5760.



## BASE BRIEFS

### Retirement

Congratulations to Chief Master Sgt. Deborah Clanton, Air Education and Training Command, on her retirement.

### MSG change of command

Col. Alan Lake will take command of the 12th Mission Support Group from Col. James Sohan Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. in the Fire Emergency Services, Building 700.

### Military Appreciation Nights

Airmen and their families are eligible to receive up to ten free vouchers per person to see the San Antonio Missions baseball team play Wednesday or Aug. 20 at 7 p.m.

On Aug. 6, the Randolph Honor Guard will present the colors, Capt. Deric Prescott will sing the National Anthem and a Randolph member will throw the first pitch.

The ticket vouchers are available at Information, Tickets and Travel, Building 897, and can be redeemed at the Missions box office or upgraded to better seats.

### 12th MDG ceremonies

The 12th Medical Group squadron activation and re-designation ceremony is Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Randolph Officers' Club Sky Lounge. Col. Soledad Lindo-Moon will stand up the 12th Dental Squadron and re-designate the 12th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron as the 12th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. A reception will follow.

### Fisher House auction

The Brooks City-Base First Sergeant's Council will host its annual auction Aug. 8 at the Boar's Head Lounge at Brooks City-Base. The council will auction off memorabilia signed by football, car racing and country music stars. Funds raised will benefit the Lackland Air Force Base Fisher House.

For details, call 652-3142.

### MOAA luncheon

The Military Officers Association of America monthly luncheon is Aug. 21 at 11 a.m. at the Army Community Center, 7400 Crestway Dr., San Antonio, Texas.

The cost is \$16. Call for reservations by noon, Aug. 18, by phone 228-9955 or e-mail moaa-ac@sbc-global.net.

### Remembrance run

A free "Run for the Fallen" remembrance run takes place Aug. 24 at 7:30 a.m. in downtown San Antonio. The 1.5-mile run is in honor of the fallen servicemembers lost in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

This is an informal event and welcomes walkers, bikers and Segways. Maps will be provided.

For more information visit [www.runforthe fallen.org](http://www.runforthe fallen.org) and to sign up, e-mail [runforthe fallen@satx.rr.com](mailto:runforthe fallen@satx.rr.com).

### AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS CENTER PROGRAMS -

- (Call 652-5321 to sign up.)
- Today - Bundles for Baby from 2-3:30 p.m.
  - Tuesday - Anger Management from 11:45-12:45 p.m.
  - Aug. 9 - Driving Safety Call the South Texas Safety Council at 824-8180, from Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. to sign up.
  - Aug. 12 - Money and Divorce from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
  - Aug. 13 - Salary Negotiations Workshop from 8-10 a.m.
  - Aug. 14 - Deployed Spouse & Family Dinner from 4:45-6 p.m.
  - Aug. 15 - "Give Parents a Break" from 6-11 p.m.
  - Aug. 20 - First duty station officer mandatory financial briefing from 8-10 a.m.
  - Aug. 23 - Deployed spouse and family event at Eberly Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - Aug. 28 - Children and Separation ... Issues of Deployment from 5-6 p.m.
  - Aug. 29 - San Antonio Tour, 8:15 a.m.-3 p.m. For reservations, call 652-3060.

### EDUCATION CENTER 652-5964

### Fall CCAF Graduation

The cutoff date for the October class is Aug. 29. To be considered for the October class, CCAF must receive all documentation for degree candidate submissions on or before that date. Those who have completed all requirements and requested transcripts should email [patricia.siulte@randolph.af.mil](mailto:patricia.siulte@randolph.af.mil) to be nominated for graduation.

### College Fair

The education center will sponsor their annual college fair Aug. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. More than 25 local and online colleges, Troops to Teachers, ROTC, as well as other institutions will have representatives available to talk with prospective students. Those interested in attending college, obtaining teacher certification or finding financial assistance for college are strongly encouraged to attend.

### CCAF Transcripts

Community College of the Air Force transcripts can be requested at [www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp](http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ccaf/transcripts.asp) and complete the online transcript order.

### ACCD

St. Philip's College is currently registering for fall classes. Students who have already registered but not paid their tuition should check online to ensure they have not been dropped for nonpayment. Payment schedules and tuition rates have changed. Active-duty military students using tuition assistance must obtain assistance from the base office before submitting a request for tuition assistance.

For more details, call 659-1096 or e-mail [cjaime2@mail.accd.edu](mailto:cjaime2@mail.accd.edu).

### ERAU

Today is the final day to sign up for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's fall term. Next week is drop or add week.

Call 659-0801 for more details.

### Wayland Baptist University

Wayland Baptist University's fall term is Aug. 18 through Nov. 1 and registration is currently under way.

For more information, call 945-8379 or visit the office in Building 208, Room 11.

### St. Mary's University

St. Mary's Fall Term starts Aug. 19. New student orientation is Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. on the main campus. All new students are encouraged to attend. Call graduate admissions at 436-3101 to confirm orientation attendance.

Visit [www.stmarytx.edu/grad](http://www.stmarytx.edu/grad) or call 677-8300 for more details. The base office is closed Aug. 4-8.

## Welcome to the 99th FTS



Photo by Rich McFadden

Lt. Col. Dave Cox addresses the audience at the 99th Flying Training Squadron Change of Command ceremony July 25. Colonel Cox took command of the 99th FTS from Lt. Col. Randolph Lawson.

## Randolph Chapel Schedule

### • CATHOLIC

Monday - Friday - Chapel One  
11:30 a.m.  
Saturday - Chapel One  
5:30 p.m.  
Sunday - Chapel Two  
8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
**Confession**  
Saturday - Chapel One  
4:30-5:00 p.m.

### • PROTESTANT

Traditional Worship  
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.  
Parish Fellowship  
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.  
Religious Education  
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Inspirational Praise & Worship  
10:45 - 11:45 a.m.



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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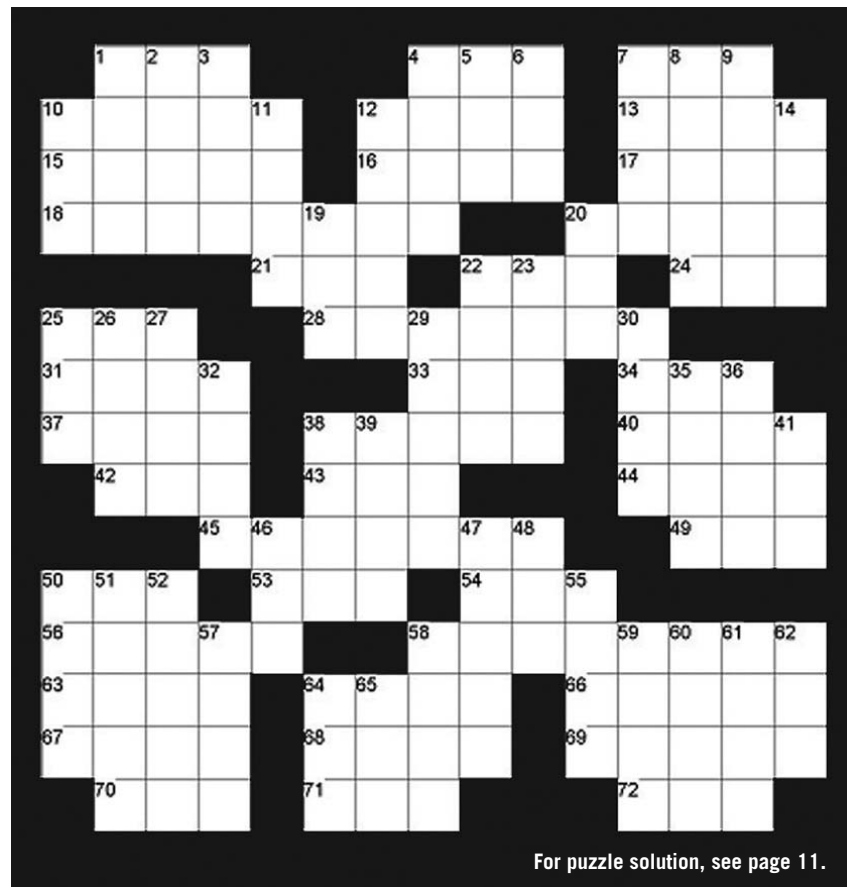
1. Gas mask, flak vest, Kevlar helmet, etc., in brief
4. Pull or carry with force or effort
7. Former Soviet spy org.
10. Moderate to dark brownish gray
12. Child's flying toy
13. Best of the Best actor Roberts
15. Sharp or biting to the taste or smell; bitterly pungent
16. Phenomenon supposed to portend good or evil
17. Military org. host nation is a member of with the U.S.
18. Island home to 65th ABW base
20. War of the \_\_\_\_; Douglas/Turner film
21. 22°30' east of due north
22. Charge or payment for professional services
24. USAF E-4
25. Actress Thurman
28. Portuguese commander who first laid ground for Azores air base
31. Operation \_\_\_\_ Purse; mission flying EC-135s from the Azores
33. \_\_\_\_ the one
34. Frozen water
37. Against
38. USAF MAJCOM the Azores base is assigned
40. Slight intermittent flow or leak
42. Foot part
43. Zero
44. Currency for the Azores

45. Operation \_\_\_\_; Berlin Airlift mission went through the Azores base
49. Morning mist
50. European mount
53. \_\_\_\_ Angeles
54. Mil. duty status
56. Azores island
58. Country who owns the Azores
63. Open slightly
64. Gifted writer with thought and imagination
66. Speak
67. Take out a lease
68. Poker bet
69. Expert or connoisseur
70. USAF PME for O-3s
71. \_\_\_\_ Moines
72. Confederate general

### DOWN

1. Gen. Peter \_\_\_\_; former Chairman, JCS
2. Kitten noise
3. Historic
4. Peru capital
5. Native American in Utah and Colorado
6. USAF O-10
7. Game of chance, adapted from lotto for gambling purposes
8. Operation Nickel \_\_\_\_; operation supported by the 65 ABW
9. Cut, grip, or tear with or as if with the teeth
10. Tit-for- \_\_\_\_
11. Heavenly spot

12. Country host to Osan and Kunsan air bases
14. La \_\_\_\_ Nostra; mafia
19. State home to Grissom ARB, in brief
20. Gun the motor
22. Tenure of land subject to feudal obligations
23. Ultimatum word
25. Part of DoD
26. Money maker
27. Lowest female voice
29. Plan to, intend to, or expect to
30. General's assistant
32. Ukraine city
35. Deposit or coating of refuse or of an impure substance
36. Ireland, formerly
38. Do \_\_\_\_ others...
39. Takes five
41. Mil. duty status
46. Sick
47. Show or pretend emotion
48. Address for male officer
50. In the distant
51. \_\_\_\_ Field; Azores base home to 65th ABW
52. 88-key instrument
55. Smallest component of an element
57. \_\_\_\_ and crafts



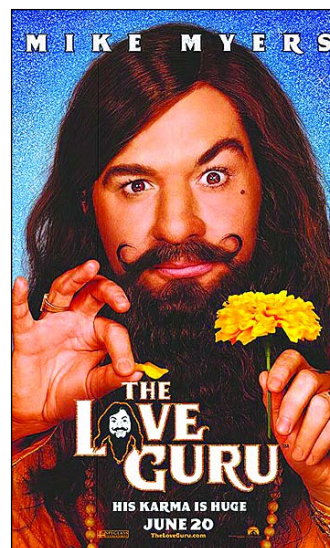
For puzzle solution, see page 11.

58. Dog and cats
59. Russian mountains
60. Handed to someone
61. Fits to \_\_\_\_
62. Underworld director Wiseman

64. Bachelor's place
65. Single

# MOVIES

**Randolph Movie Theater - 652-3278**  
**Adults - \$4.00**  
**Children (11 yrs. and under) \$2.00**



**"The Love Guru"**  
 Mike Myers, Jessica Alba  
 Today, 7 p.m.  
 Rated PG-13, 88 min.



**"The Incredible Hulk"**  
 Edward Norton, Liv Tyler  
 Saturday, 6 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m.  
 Rated PG-13, 128 min.





# C S O



2nd Lt. Jose Cardenas  
KC-135  
McConnell AFB, Kan.



2nd Lt. Humberto Centeno  
U-28 (EWO)  
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



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MC-130  
Cannon AFB, N.M.



2nd Lt. Benjamin Daw  
C-130  
Minnesota ANG



2nd Lt. Andrew Edmund  
C-130  
Dyess AFB, Texas



2nd Lt. Daniel Friedrich  
AC-130 (EWO)  
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Gregory Hafley  
C-130  
Missouri ANG



2nd Lt. Bobby Hudson  
AC-130  
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



Ensign John Inman  
P-3  
NAS Jacksonville, Fla.



2nd Lt. Christopher Jordan  
RC-135 (EWO)  
Offutt AFB, Neb.



Ensign Spiros Kulubis  
EP-3  
NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.



2nd Lt. Joshua-Lee Lancaster  
EC-130 (EWO)  
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.



Ensign Ryan Pettepher  
P-3  
NAS Jacksonville, Fla.



2nd Lt. Robert Porter  
U-28 (EWO)  
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Andrew Roberts  
RC-135 (EWO)  
Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Jason Rowe  
C-130  
Kentucky ANG



2nd Lt. Brian Rutkowski  
MC-130 (EWO)  
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Daniel Saunders  
U-28  
Hurlburt Field, Fla.



2nd Lt. Michael Schroeder  
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*"The most challenging aspect is learning to work with joint commands and different types of people. I have learned that you must simply adapt and overcome."*

Ensign Margaret Hollyfield  
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## Air Force, Navy aviators complete combat systems officer training

Twenty two Air Force and five Naval aviators receive their wings during a combat systems officer graduation today. The ceremony is at 10 a.m. in the officers' club.

During the combat systems officer course, which begins at the 562nd Flying Training Squadron, students learn fundamental, system and intermediate navigation. Air Force and Navy students spend about 12 months in training, including a Pensacola course for the Navy and Introductory Flight School for the Air Force.

Navy and Air Force students spend 90 days in the primary phase, learning the basics. They become masters of chart construction, radio aid and RADAR navigation and dead reckoning.

During the intermediate phase, students integrate these systems in a high-level environment scenario. These scenarios provide realistic training mimicking air refueling, over-water operations and joint-warfare principles. After the intermediate phase, students elect to either continue in advanced navigation at the 562nd FTS or do

advanced electronic warfare officer training at the 563rd FTS.

Advanced navigation students learn how to operate in a low-level environment. Advanced timing, target drops, threat reaction and airborne radar approaches round out the curriculum.

Advanced EWO students master employment and planning of electronic warfare and weapons in a state-of-the-art simulator which emulates real-world tactic environments for reconnaissance, bomber and fighter training missions.



## FEATURE

# Anti-terrorism protection: a team effort

By Sean Bowlin  
Staff writer

Security forces, charged with protecting Randolph Air Force Base's aircraft, buildings assets against terrorists, say it's not just their job to do so.

Rather, it's a task the entire base needs to participate in proactively, said Tech. Sgt. Andrew Rodriguez, the 12th Security Forces Squadron's non-commissioned officer in charge of antiterrorism force protection and Capt.

Suzanna Ausborn, a 12th Security Forces Squadron anti-terrorism force protection officer, added there are more anti-terror measures and efforts at Team Randolph than just beefed-up security and vehicle checks at the base gates.

Sergeant Rodriguez and Captain Ausborn said commands and subordinate units throughout the base have anti-terrorism force protection representatives. As the sergeant and captain collaborate with them, they assist in teaching the representatives to conduct RAMs, or random anti-terrorism measures.

The purpose of a RAM is to break up patterns and habits that humans naturally set so a terrorist surveilling personnel, equipment and buildings for weaknesses in security will become confused.

"RAMs happen in and around buildings," Captain Ausborn said. "Certain parking lots, for example, may be blocked off and people may have to move their cars. They may have to come into their buildings at other entrances and have their bags checked."

Sergeant Rodriguez added the other benefit of performing RAMs – and of teaching Team Randolph

people to be security-conscious while in the public, especially while traveling – is that the measures help discourage criminals from preying upon more security-conscious Airmen, their families and civilian base workers.

Across the base, anti-terrorism officials are working with commanders to develop creative and viable exercises and procedures to counter potential terrorists.

"What do you do in the event of a bomb threat?" the captain asked. "Is there a procedure developed? Remember, if you train, you won't be frazzled."

Part of anti-terrorism awareness, the captain added, also extends to the third working group, which is composed of representatives from the 12th Flying Training Wing's different subordinate units.

The Threat Working Group – pronounced, "twig" – meets to discuss possible terrorist scenarios and to decide what each subordinate unit's role is in each scenario.

In addition to the TWG, Team Randolph also has a Force Protection Working Group, which reviews force anti-terrorism protection policies and a Force Protection Council, which makes the final decision on those policies.

Policies, procedures and measures figuring into anti-terrorism awareness have always been something Randolph AFB's security forces have had to consider in protecting the base.

But in the post 9-11 Air Force – at the four-star level – the sergeant said anti-terrorism protection has gotten more attention.

"It's a more robust program now," the sergeant concluded.



Photo by Rich McFadden

Avery Phillips (left) and Jeremy Peterson, both 12th Mission Support Group munitions inspectors, carefully check a box for unauthorized items at the ammunition storage area Monday. The inspection was one of many random anti-terrorism and force protection measures performed on base daily.

## Anti-terrorism Awareness

### *Take precautions while traveling between home and work*

- Alternate parking places
- Lock car when unattended
- Look for tampering; check under your auto
- Stay alert while opening car door
- Keep gas tank at least half full
- Alternate routes and avoid choke points
- Plan an "escape" route as you drive
- Watch mopeds, cycles
- Don't pick up hitchhikers
- Drive with windows up, doors locked



# SPORTS and FITNESS

## RULES OF THE ROAD

# Safety takes priority when exercising on base

By Thomas Warner  
Staff writer

Base officials recently cited numerous instances of people doing physical training while using headphones or other listening devices on areas not designated as jogging paths.

Air Force Instruction 10-248, the fitness program AFI, dictates it is against base policy to jog, bicycle or perform any exercise function on Randolph roads while wearing headphones and earpieces.

The 12th Flying Training Wing leadership reiterated the policy to units after witnessing several instances where protocol was not followed. Use of these devices can impair driving and mask or prevent recognition of emergency signals, alarms, approaching vehicles and talking, thereby causing a safety hazard for those who use them.

The most common infraction on Randolph involves people exercising while wearing audio earpieces with radios, MP3 players or compact disc players as they carry out physical training. They are allowed to use these devices when they exercise, but only in areas not in a traffic environment.

"People can wear earpieces and similar devices as long as they are on designated jogging paths," said Linda Howlett, 12th FTW Ground Safety manager. "Many of the violations occur as joggers cross the active taxiway at the South crossover. Joggers are required to remove their headset or earphones prior to crossing the south crossover."

Further safety concerns involve the lack of or improper use of reflective clothing. When bicycling, jogging or running at night, and in times of inclement weather or low visibility, individuals are required to wear retroreflective clothing or devices visible from the front and back.

"Losing or injuring just one Airman due to a preventable

accident can negatively affect our mission," said Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost, 12th Flying Training Wing commander.

Air Force Instruction 91-207, the USAF Traffic Safety Program, contains specific language regarding what is and isn't considered "safe" on installations as a whole.

Policy for this base is outlined in the Randolph Air Force Base Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, commonly referred to as the base traffic code. That supplement contains regulations for marching troops, bicyclists, operators of non-motorized vehicles and anyone who uses base roads.

"Following our local guidance is essential to maintaining the safety of ourselves and our loved ones," Colonel Van Ovost said.

The biggest present concern deals with joggers who use headphones and earpieces. Regulations dealing with drivers of privately-owned cars, trucks or any motorized vehicle on base streets also prohibit use headphones or earpieces.

"It's a safety issue," said Ms. Howlett. "The earphones limit the ability to hear other things around them and it is dangerous."

Two exceptions when listening devices are acceptable during driving include intercom systems used by motorcycle operators and hands-free cellular telephone devices. Cyclists often use intercom systems to communicate with passengers and hand-free technology has become a popular, safer alternative for vehicle operators who choose to make or receive calls.

"Each individual needs to be cognizant of the safety requirements and have the discipline to adhere to them every time," Colonel Van Ovost said.

*(Editor's note: The list of directives here is by no means complete and persons wishing to understand everything on the subject should consult AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.)*



# Rambler 120 on the horizon, teams to prepare



By Thomas Warner  
Staff writer

An opportunity to enjoy a social outing and the stimulus of competition makes the Rambler 120 team challenge appealing to some Airmen. Sign-up has begun for the third annual Rambler 120, set for Oct. 18 at Canyon Lake.

Officially a triathlon, the Rambler 120 is an endurance event featuring teams made up of four participants for the "Xtreme" division and teams of five-to-eight people in the "relay" division. It features biking, rafting, running, plus a mystery category.

"It's a well-run event for all participants and it's a blast," said Col. Tim Hanson, Headquarters Recruiting Services, Chief of Strategic Communications and part of the co-ed Xtreme team that took first place last year.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place for all-male teams, all-female teams and co-ed entrees in the Xtreme and relay divisions.

In its first year, the event had 199 participants. Last year there were 236, said Steve Knechtel,

# RAMBLER120 TEAM CHALLENGE

12th Services Division and this year's Rambler 120 project officer.

Mr. Knechtel said the event is popular with military and non-military people alike.

"Non-military team members must simply be sponsored by a military person who is also on the team," Mr. Knechtel said. "It is not limited to Randolph, either. I've sent information to nine other military installations including Fort Sam Houston. I've talked with people who were from as far away as Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, TX, and Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, TX, so there is interest out there."

A 22-mile bicycle ride is one grueling aspect of the Rambler 120, along with a six-mile run. A two-mile rafting soiree will also test participants and there is also the mystery event teams will encounter.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Lindsey Maurice  
Each year, participants in the Rambler 120 are tasked with a mystery event, such as in 2006, when team members had to transport automobile tires with them along the route.

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## SPORTS and FITNESS

# Randolph skeet range earns 'Small Club of the Year' award

By Sean Bowlin  
Staff writer

For the fifth consecutive year, the Randolph Air Force Base Skeet and Trap Range has earned the "Small Club of the Year" award from the National Skeet Shooting Association.

One reason for winning the award, said Denny Taylor, Randolph AFB Services director of outdoor recreation, is that the club draws a lot of shooters despite its rather small size when compared to many other skeet and trap clubs in the world.

Randolph was considered among 418 skeet clubs based throughout the world having up to three skeet fields.

"It's an honor to put the plaque in the Randolph club,"

Ms. Phyllis Mills of the National Skeet Shooting Association said.

Mr. Taylor said one of the main factors taken into consideration when giving the NSSA Small Club of the Year award is the number of targets shot per year. Last month alone, 1,200 targets were shot by club members.

Many of those targets are shot competitors who flock to the range in large groups from all over Texas for a monthly three-day skeet shoot which run Fridays to Sundays.

During those weekends, the skeet shooters are competing against each other in shooting flying clay targets with 12-gauge, 20-gauge, 28-gauge and .410-gauge shotguns. Referees grade the



Photo by Rich McFadden

Denny Taylor, 12th Services Squadron outdoor recreation manager, takes aim at a flying clay target at the Randolph Air Force Base skeet range Tuesday.

shooters' efforts and awards are given at the end of the weekend's competition.

Keeping the club well stocked, tending to the grounds and maintaining the

machinery which launches targets, as well as providing technical assistance for shooters, is the full-time job of Darrell Goemmer, weekday skeet range manager and Tom McLeod, weekend skeet range manager.

Mr. Taylor praised the duo's efforts toward making the club a prime destination for skeet shooters. "They know what skeet shooting's all about," he said.

Keeping the club shooter-friendly is a team effort that Mr. Taylor and his managers strive to keep as their most important goal.

"We just treat our customers well and make it feel like home for them," Mr. Taylor observed. It's all about making them want to come back here."

## RHS athletics practices begin

Randolph High School athletics programs begin practices Monday, even though school does not go back into session until Aug. 25.

Football, cross country and volleyball practices will begin this week and a full listing of coaches, important phone numbers, e-mail addresses and other pertinent athletics information can be found on the internet at [www.classroom.rfisd.net/webs/cab](http://www.classroom.rfisd.net/webs/cab).

Prospective student-athletes are reminded that all required forms and documentation must be completed and turned into the school before participation on any sport will be allowed.

Check the Internet or call the high school office at 357-2400 for information on requirements to participate.

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"We had tires as part of the first year's Rambler 120," Mr. Knechtel said. "The tire signified your buddy and nobody was allowed to leave their buddy behind. They put the tires in their boats and spent time loading, unloading and rolling them as part of the competition."

Last year's Rambler 120 featured a roping competition, when people had to rope a simulated steer's head from a set distance. This year's mystery event will be announced the day of the competition.

Although the event's mantra has always been, "rain or shine," the Rambler 120, to date, has never been affected by inclement weather. The event will begin at 7 a.m. and various phases of the competition will take place both on

and off the Randolph Recreation Area grounds.

"I'm not a biker, I'm more of a runner," Colonel Hanson said. "The biking is a tough, hilly course and the paddling part can be tough depending on how strong the wind is blowing. It's very competitive and everyone has a really good time. All-in-all, it's just a really fun event."

The cost to enter is \$100 per team. Applications are being accepted through Sept. 26 at the Rambler Fitness Center. Those interested in competing can register online at [www.servicesatrandolph.com](http://www.servicesatrandolph.com), and more information can be obtained by calling 652-6508.

Entry forms may be picked up at the fitness center or the Information, Tickets and Tours office in Bldg. 897.



## Sports BRIEFS



### Rambler 1.5 Mile Run

The Rambler Fitness Center hosts a 1.5 mile run Monday at 6:30 a.m. This will allow participants to evaluate their run time before the next fitness test.

All participants will receive a towel and unit groups may participate in this event as part of their workout session. This event is free and open to all military members.

### Chief's Group golf tourney

All Department of Defense ID card holders are invited to play in the Randolph Chief's Group Annual Golf Tournament Aug. 22 at 12:30 p.m. at the Randolph Oaks Golf Course.

The cost is \$40 and includes finger foods and a golf cart. RSVP by Aug. 18 to Senior Master Sgt. Rich Turner at 652-5928 or richard.l.turner@randolph.af.mil.

### Water group exercise class

The Rambler Fitness Center offers a water group exercise class every Monday and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the center pool. The class runs through Aug. 27 and

costs \$3 per class or patrons can use their passes.

The fee is collected at the fitness center front register the day of the class.

### Two-person team biathlon

A two-person team biathlon takes place Aug. 30 at the Eberle Park at 7 a.m.

The first member of the team must complete the 10-mile bike route in order for the second team member to start a 5-kilometer run. There are no age or gender categories.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers.

Sign up takes place August 4-21 at the Rambler Fitness Center.

### Youth sports registration

Registration for flag and tackle football, volleyball and cheerleading has been extended until Aug 8.

Tackle football and cheerleading practice start Monday. Flag football and volleyball practice start Aug. 18.

All league play starts Sept. 8. Coaches are still needed in all sports.



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## MISCELLANEOUS

• **Military appreciation nights**

The San Antonio Missions baseball team is saying thank you to the military at their games on August 6 and August 20. Game time is 7:05 p.m. August 6 is Team Randolph night and the Randolph Honor Guard will present the colors, Capt Deric Prescott will sing the National Anthem and a Randolph member will throw the first pitch.

Military personnel and their families will receive a ticket voucher that they may then redeem at the Missions ticket office at Wolff Stadium for a reserved seat ticket.

The ticket vouchers are available at ITT, bldg. 897. There is a limit of ten ticket vouchers per person. Exceptions can be made to accommodate units or groups.

The ticket vouchers may also be upgraded to better seats. The cost of upgrading a seat runs from \$1 to \$3 and allows selection of better placed seats for a nominal fee. The San Antonio Missions box office is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for voucher redemption. On game days the box office opens at 10 a.m. and remains open throughout the game.

You can learn more about the San Antonio Missions at their web site [www.samissions.com](http://www.samissions.com). No federal endorsement of sponsor is intended.

• **Back-to-School bash**

Celebrate one last fling before school starts on Aug. 15 with Services and your family at the officers' club deck and center pool.

DJ, Inflatable Bouncies and Snow-cones: 5 – 8:30 p.m.

Food: 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Pool is open until 8 p.m.

Movie: Around 8:45 p.m. (Bring blankets/chairs)

The price is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children (12 & younger). All customers must have a wrist band to participate. The menu is gourmet hamburgers & hotdogs with all the fixings. This event is open to EVERYONE.

## 12th Services Briefs

• **AETC welcome home program**

HQ AETC Services welcomes home those returning from being deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM or Operation ENDURING FREEDOM with an opportunity to win a \$2,500 travel voucher, redeemable for a cruise vacation. Personnel returning from deployment have the opportunity to fill out an entry form during the re-integration briefing in Hangar 52 and will be given a certificate for "Dinner for Two" (value \$50).

Corporate partnerships with USAA, Anheuser-Busch and EG&G/LSI have made this program possible. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

**BOWLING CENTER- 652-6271**• **Back-to-school bowling special**

Get in that last bowling outing before school starts Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. to enjoy bowling for only \$1.75 per game, per person and \$1.50 shoe rental.

• **Welcome back league bowlers**

Any 2008/2009 league bowler or potential league bowler who is signed up in the Fall/Winter sign-up book can bowl for only \$1.50 per game August 11-15.

**GOLF COURSE -652-4570**• **Free retiree golf clinic**

Head out to the golf course on August 9 from 9-11 a.m. for a free retiree golf clinic.

• **Family golf special**

Starting at 6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday (except for holidays) families can golf together for the low price of \$2 per person. Adults must be accompanied by a child to enjoy this special rate.

• **Tee Time Deck \$2 Thursday**

Head out to the Tee Time Deck on Aug. 14 from 4 p.m. to dusk for \$2 well drinks, \$2 Coronas and a \$2 Frito Pie. You can meet the pros, test your putting skill and take a spin on the Services prize wheel to win a prize.

**INFORMATION, TICKETS AND TRAVEL – 652-5640**• **Kinder gambling trip**

Travel to the Grand Casino Coushatta in Kinder, Louisiana September 23-24. Trip includes round trip transportation, hotel accommodations, continental breakfast, dinner buffet and tour guide. Bus departs at 8 a.m. and returns at around 9:30 p.m. the next day. Cost is \$49 for double occupancy or \$98 for single occupancy. Stop by ITT, bldg. 897, now to sign up.

**OFFICERS' CLUB – 652-4864**• **August membership appreciation deck party**

The First Thursday membership appreciation deck party is August 7. The Texas Tide Band will perform from 5-8 p.m. and an Italian buffet will be served. The cost is \$3 for members or \$6 for nonmembers.

**RANDOLPH RECREATION PARK @ CANYON LAKE 1-800-280-3466**• **August Saturday night sunset cruise**

Enjoy the beautiful sunset at Canyon Lake on Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$3 per individual or \$5 per couple. Bring cheese, wine or your favorite beverage and snack.

**WOOD SKILLS CENTER – 652-5142**• **Parent/Child woodworking class**

On August 16 from 10 a.m. to noon you and your child can have a lot of fun building a "Plow Time Tractor". Deadline to sign up is August 11.

**YOUTH CENTER – 652-3298**• **Missoula Children's Theater**

The youth center is hosting the Missoula Children's Theater August 11-15. Children 5-18 years of age may try out on August 11 at 9 a.m. at the youth center. Children 5-8 years of age must be accompanied by a parent. You do not have to be a youth center member to participate. The production is Rumpelstiltskin and is Aug. 15.

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